

## Notice of Public Scoping

### Grazing Permit Renewals and Land Health Assessments

Comment Period: Open until **October 31, 2004**

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The Little Snake Field Office (FO) is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing watersheds for the assessment of public land health standards for Colorado. Secondly, we intend to renew 24 grazing permit/leases during 2006. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on a watershed basis. During FY 2006 the LSFO will be completing land health assessment(s) in the following: Green River Landscape.

Once the FO receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Public comments and all other available information provided, will be used by the FO Inter-Disciplinary Team to complete the Land Health Assessment.

Following are the watershed and acreage identified in the FO that we are soliciting input regarding when the assessment will be initiated.

Watershed Name	Federal Acreage
Green River	91,397

The FO will be also be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain grazing permit/leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these

allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is, the more helpful and useful it will be.

An interdisciplinary team will rank the expiring permits into high and low priority categories based on public comments and all other information available. The ranking will help determine the amount of consideration necessary and the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for reaching a decision on each grazing permit renewal. The ranking will also help to allocate resources to address concerns on a priority basis.

The following allotments will have a landscape health assessment starting in 2003 (filed work) and completed in Fiscal Year 2004. The level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern. Your comments on these allotments are being sought.

<b>Allotment Name</b>	<b>Federal Acres</b>	<b>Permittee/Lessee</b>
N. Moffat Oil Field	42	Owens, David & Jody
N. Horse Mountain Sec.15	864	Schnurr, Gary & Judy
Deer Creek Road	54	Toia, Joseph
Upper Dressler Gulch	900	Bellio, Glenda
Upper Freeman Draw	1305	Christmas Tree Ranch
Cedar Springs Draw	19,319	Mock, Nathan & Jacqueline
Bord Gulch	960	Stehle Family
South Great Divide	1320	Pankey, Winfield
West Monument	188	Brown, Charles & Carrie
East Douglas Mountain Sawmill Canyon	14,100 16,483	Sheridan, Dewey
Piskwik	?	Taylor, Ronald & Dena
West Dunkley	40	Signs, Wesley
North Big Bottom	40	Mitchell, James & Kathleen
N. Coon Gulch Sec 15	156	Cook, Donald et al.
Gill Draw	80	Omlid & Nash
East Cedar Hill	173	Garner, David

South Cole Gulch	40	Kawcak, Mike
Blacktail Mountain	720	Kuntz, Lloyd
South Big Bottom	40	Lux, Francis & Louise
Hahn's Peak	123	Button, Douglas
Lower Elkhead Creek	76	Pitney, Roy
Big Sugarloaf	121	Sullivan Herefords
N. Woodchuck Hill	880	Flying Diamond Ranch
Stagecoach	?	Stagecoach Ski corp.

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested party on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in the health of a land assessment, please contact the individual at the address above to be put on a mailing list. If you do have not specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address above.